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1. JAPAN

FUKUDA ARRIVED WASHINGTON LATE MONDAY FOR 2-DAYS TALKS W/TOP
US OFFICIALS ON ECON/TRADE ISSUES. PM SCHEDULED MEET
SEPARATELY W/PRES CARTER/TRADE REP STRAUSS/CONGRESSIONAL
LEADERS TUES. STRAUSS ASSERTED MONDAY JAPANESE "DOING
THEIR VERY BEST" CARRY OUT PLEDGE RE TARIFF REDUCTIONS,
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BUT OFFICIALS SAY PRIVATELY US WILL PRESS FUKUDA
TOWARD FURTHER TARIFF CUTS (PINE, WP).

EXTERNAL ECON AFFAIRS MIN USHIBA TO VISIT FRG/CANADA
THIS MONTH FOR TALKS ON CURRENCY/TRADE PROBLEMS (REUTER
TOKYO).

LEFT-WING EXTREMISTS OPPOSED TO NARITA AIRPORT DESTROYED
BUILDING HOUSING NAVIGATIONAL EQUIPMENT AT HIROSHIMA
AIRPORT 5/2. EXTREMISTS ALSO CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY
FOR BURNING OFFICE AT POLICE WEAPONS-TRAINING RANGE
NEAR OSAKA (REUTER HIROSHIMA).

JAPAN'S TOA DOMESTIC AIRLINES TO BUY 5 MCDONNELL-
DOUGLAS DC-9 JETS AT TOTAL COST 80 MIL DOLS (REUTER
TOKYO).

AGRIC/FORESTRY MINISTRY OFFICIALS SAY JAPAN WILL RAISE
BEEF IMPORT QUOTA TO AT LEAST 40,000 METRIC TONS
DURING 1ST HALF FY'78, COMPARED W/35,000 METRIC TONS
DURING SAME PERIOD LAST YR (REUTER TOKYO).

JETRO SAYS MANY JAPANESE EXPORTS--INCL VEHICLES/OPTI-
CAL INSTRUMENTS/MOTORCYCLES--WILL REMAIN COMPETITIVE
IN WORLD MRKTS ASSUMING YEN REMAINS AT AROUND 200 TO
DOLLAR. REPORT ALSO SAID HIGHER YEN VALUE SEVERELY
AFFECTED EXPORTS INDUSTRIAL PLANT FACILITIES/TEXTILES/
GENRL MERCHANDISE (REUTER TOKYO).

MAZDA PLANS INCREASE US IMPORTS BY NEARLY 70 PCT
BEGINNING THIS MONTH. NEW IMPORT SURGE DUE NEWLY-
DEVELOPED SPORTS CAR THAT WILL BEGIN ENTERING US AT
RATE 2,000 PER MONTH (BARNETT, JOC).
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WSJ REPORTS JAPANESE EMB CIRCULATING STATISTICS SHOWING
JAPANESE FIRMS PROVIDE EMPLOYMENT DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY
TO 57,500 AMCITS.

JAPAN TO SPEND 167,300 DOLS ON PROJECT USING RECORDINGS
OF DOLPHINS IN DISTRESS TO DRIVE ANIMALS AWAY FROM
FISHING GROUNDS/PREVENT THEIR MASS SLAUGHTER (REUTER
TOKYO 5/1).

CHICAGOAN JOE HEALY CLIMBED 200 FT UP CITY'S SEARS
TOWER 5/1 TO FLY BANNER--WRITTEN IN RUSSIAN/JAPANESE--
PROTESTING WHALE KILLING. HEALY LATER TOLD REPORTERS,
"I DIDN'T HAVE ANYTHING ELSE TO DO TODAY" (REUTER
CHICAGO 5/1).

2. KOREA

TESTIFYING BEFORE SFRC 5/1, JCS ACTING CHIEF JONES
SAID PRES CARTER WENT AGAINST JCS' OVERALL RECOMMENDATION
IN DECIDING PULL OUT US COMBAT TROOPS SK BEFORE PROVIDING
COMPENSATORY AID. ASKED BY SEN GLENN (D-OHIO) WHY PRES

OVERRULED JCS, JONES REPLIED CARTER, IN ADJUSTING
TIMETABLE, DIDN'T WANT IT VIEWED AS OVERALL CHANGE IN
W/DRAWAL POLICY. BOTH GLENN/ADMIN WITNESSES STRONGLY
URGED PASSAGE 800-MIL-DOL ARMS TRANSFER, SECDEF BROWN
CALLING PKG NECESSARY FOR N E ASIAN STABILITY/US
SECURITY. BROWN/DEP SEC CHRISTOPHER ALSO PLEDGED AGAIN

US READY NEGOTIATE PEACE SETTLEMENT BETW NK/SK, BUT
ONLY W/LATTER'S FULL PARTICIPATION.

ON SK HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTION, CHRISTOPHER SAID THERE
HAD BEEN IMPROVEMENT IN PAST YR, BUT MUCH REMAINED BE
DONE TO DISMANTLE RESTRICTIVE POL ORDINANCES/FOSTER
POL DIALOGUE. ADDED US WOULD URGE FURTHER LIBERAL-
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IZATION (SCALLY, REUTER 5/1).

PILOT/NAVIGATOR OF SKOREAN AIRLINER FORCED DOWN OVER
USSR 11 DAYS AGO ARRIVED PARIS FROM COPENHAGEN 5/1/MADE
NO IMMEDIATE STATEMENT TO WAITING JOURNALISTS. CREWMEN
DUE LEAVE PARIS FOR SEOUL TUES (REUTER PARIS 5/1).

3. AUSTRALIA

FTC ENDS MULTI-MIL-DOL AUSTRALIAN LAND DEAL THAT LEFT
SEVERAL THOUSAND INVESTORS W/LAND THEY COULD NOT
USE/SELL. IN ADDITION TO PREVENTING FUTHER SALES,
ORDER WILL PROVIDE AT LEAST 7 MIL DOLS IN REDRESS TO
THOSE WHO ALREADY INVESTED (WSTAR 5/1).

4. VIETNAM

USG'S 1ST WITNESS IN HUMPHREY/TRUONG TRIAL, DUNG KRALL,
TESTIFIED MONDAY IN OPENING DAY THAT SHE DELIVERED BOOKS/
ENVELOPES/MESSAGES FROM TRUONG IN WASHINGTON TO SRV
OFFICIALS IN PARIS. ACTING FOR CIA/FBI, KRALL SAID SHE
SHOWED BOOKS/ENVELOPES TO FBI AGENT WHO USUALLY PHOTOGRAPHED
THEM, THEN DELIVERED THEM TO PARIS. ONE OF TRUONG'S
LAWYERS SAID KRALL'S ASSIGNMENT WAS TO ENSNARE/ENTRAP
OTHERS/"SHE LEFT A TRAIL OF DUPLICITY AND FALSEHOODS ACROSS
THREE CONTINENTS."

THO KRALL DID NOT MENTION HUMPHREY BY NAME, SHE SAID TRUONG
TOLD HER HE HAD FRIEND WITH DOS PASS/COULD GO UP TO 2ND
FLOOR/STEAL WHATEVER HE WANTED. HUMPHREY'S LAWYER
DESCRIBED HIS CLIENT AS DEVOTED GOVT OFFICIAL WHO HAD
HELPED FBI ON OTHER OCCASIONS (BURNHAM, NYT SPEC; AP,
SUN).

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VIET NEWS AGENCY SAYS 10,000 ATTENDED GROUND-BREAKING CEREMONY FOR WAR MEMORIAL TO BE LOCATED ON SAIGON-BIEN HAO HIGHWAY OUTSIDE HO CHI MINH CITY (REUTER HK).

5. VIETNAM/LAOS

WORLD COUNCIL CHURCHES ANNOUNCED MONDAY IT HAS GIVEN MORE THAN 10 MIL DOLS IN AID TO VN/LAOS OVER PAST 6 YRS, INCL

1.2 MIL DOLS FOR IRRIGATION PLANT AT PHAM VAN COI, WHERE US FORCES DROPPED DEFOLIANTS/NAPLAM, AND FUNDS FOR AGRIC COLLEGE AT NABONG (REUTER GENEVA 5/1).

6. LAOS

OFFICIAL "SIENG PRASASONE" NEWS REPORTS 8 LAOTIANS SENTENCED TO DEATH FOR TRYING OVERTHROW GOVT; 41 OTHERS GIVEN PRISON TERMS, INCL 8 FOR LIFE. ALL PROPERTIES USED IN "ATTEMPT TO REVOLT"/"DESTROY" COUNTRY'S ADMIN ORDERED SEIZED BY COURT (REUTER VIENTIANE).

7. VIETNAM/CHINA

PRC SAYS LARGE NUMBERS OF CHINESE ARE LEAVING VN, BUT GIVES NO REASON FOR EXODUS. ANNOUNCEMENT BY PARLIAMENT VICE CHRMN LIAO SURPRISED PEKING DIPLOS/OBSERVERS, WP ITEM REPORTS, ALTHO THEY HAD EXPECTED SOME CHINESE LEAVE VN AFTER HANOI CLAMPED DOWN ON TRADE.

8. CHINA

HOUSE BANKING CMTE MONDAY APPROVED LEGISLATION PERMITTING EX-IM BANK EXTEND CREDIT OR TRADE W/PRC W/O HAVING PRESIDENTIAL RULING THAT SUCH ACTION WOULD BE IN NATL INTEREST. SEVERAL CMTE MEMBERS SAID THEY VIEWED PRO-UNCLASSIFIED

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VISION MORE AS FRIENDSHIP GESTURE THAN STEP WHICH WOULD LEAD TO SWIFT, ECON TIES W/PEKING (REUTER 5/1).

NCNA REPORTS THAT AT 4/30 PEKING BANQUET FOR VISITING CHINESE-AMERICAN PHYSICIST LEE TENG OF US NATIONAL ACCELERATOR LAB, VICE PREMIER FANG YI SAID PRC WANTS MORE VISITS FROM FOREIGN SCIENTISTS "TO GIVE LECTURES AND

EXCHANGE EXPERIENCE." ACCORDING NCNA, TENG TOLD FANG HE FOUND GREAT CHANGES SINCE HE VISITED CHINA LAST YR, AND "I'M PARTICULARLY HAPPY TO SEE CHINA'S PROGRESS IN HIGH-ENERGY PHYSICS" (AP, WSTAR 5/1).

VICE PREMIER KU MU LEFT PEKING TUES FOR FRIENDLY VISIT TO FRANCE/OTHER UNIDENTIFIED EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, NCNA REPORTED (REUTER HK).

PLA GENERAL STAFF DEPUTY CHIEF WU HSIU-CHUAN, ADDRESSING JAPANESE MIL AFFAIRS SPECIALISTS ABOUT PEKING'S PLANS TO TAKE OVER TAIWAN, DISCLOSED THAT CHINA HAS AGREED W/FRANCE TO PURCHASE ANTI-TANK MISSILES/RELATED TECHNOLOGY--ITS 1ST ORDER FOR SOPHISTICATED WESTERN WEAPONS (WSJ).

BRITISH DEFENSE CHIEF SIR NEIL CAMERON (MOST SENIOR ACTIVE OFFICER TO VISIT PRC FROM NATO COUNTRY) HAS TOLD CHINESE MIL LEADERS IN PEKING, "WE BOTH HAVE AN ENEMY AT OUR DOOR WHOSE CAPITAL CITY IS MOSCOW." REMARK CAUSED IMMEDIATE UPROAR IN BRITAIN, W/LEFTWING LEGISLATORS CALLING FOR SIR NEIL'S RESIGNATION, SAYING HIS COMMENT JEOPARDIZED BRITAIN'S TIES W/SOVIETS. FONSEC OWEN SAID SIR NEIL'S REMARKS WERE PART OF EFFORT IMPROVE RELS W/PRC, BUT "NOT DELIBERATELY AND PROVOCATIVELY" AT EXPENSE OF UK-SOVIET RELS (WP).

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ACCORDING VERSION BROADCAST BY BBC, SIR NEIL SAID PRC AND BRITAIN SHOULD COOPERATE MILITARILY IF NECESSARY TO CHALLENGE GROWING SOVIET TANK FORCE. TOKYO-MONITORED NCNA REPORTED SIR NEIL'S VISIT, BUT DID NOT REPORT ANY ANTI-SOVIET REMARKS. OWEN STRESSED BRITAIN HAS MADE NO DECISIONS ABOUT SELLING CHINA ARMS (AP, SUN).

NCNA ANNOUNCES PRC WILL HOLD ITS FIRST NATL TRADE UNION CONGRESS IN NEARLY 2 DECADES THIS OCT. SAYS CONGRESS WILL AIM TO REVISE ITS CONSTITUTION/ELECT NEW OFFICIALS (WP; REUTER HK 5/1).

IN GENEVA 5/1, WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORG SAYS PRC WILL TAKE PART IN YR-LONG GLOBAL EXPERIMENT TO TRY IMPROVE WEATHER FORECASTING AFTER PREVIOUSLY DECLINING PARTICIPATE. WMO TERMS PRC'S COOPERATION MAJOR CONTRIBUTION TO EXPERIMENT, BEGINNING DEC 1, BECAUSE CHINESE SCIENTIFIC SHIPS WILL PROVIDE NEEDED INFO (REUTER 5/1).

PRC MARKED MAY DAY W/SUSPENSION "ODD-DAY SHELLING" OF QUEMOY/MATSU (WP).

NCNA ANNOUNCED TUES THAT TOMBS OVER 2,000 YRS OLD HAVE BEEN EXCAVATED IN YUNNAN PROVINCE AND KWANGSI CHUANG AUTONOMOUS REGION. KWANGSI TOMBS WERE OF HAN DYNASTY, CONTAINED OVER 400 BRONZE RELICS/AGATE AND GLASS BEADS/ CARVED POTTERY ANIMALS; YUNNAN AREA TOMBS DATED FROM WESTERN HAN DYNASTY (REUTER HK).

US MARITIME ADMIN GIVES OK FOR USE OF TAIWAN-FLAG VESSELS TO HAUL UP TO ONE-HALF CARGOES PURCHASED IN US W/PROCEEDS FROM 40-MIL-DOL EX-IM BANK CREDIT TO "DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS" IN TAIPEI TO EXPAND ROC'S TELEPHONE SYSTEM (JOC).

9. MONDALE TRIP/PHILIPPINES
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VP ARRIVED MANILA TUES TO COLORFUL AIRPORT WELCOME CEREMONY ATTENDED BY MARCOS/WIFE. HIGHEST-RANKING MEMBER CARTER ADMIN TO VISIT SEASIA ACCOMPANIED BY WIFE/SON/ EA'S HOLBROOKE. VP TOLD AUDIENCE, "WE ARE FULLY COMMITTED" TO ROLE OF POSITIVE/FORWARD-LOOKING PARTICIPATION IN PACIFIC AFFAIRS. STRESSING US INTEREST IN PROMOTING FREEDOM/INDIVIDUAL LIBERTY/HUMAN JUSTICE/DEMOCRACY/NATL INDEPENDENCE, HIS REMARKS, ACCORDING REUTER'S BICKLER, APPEARED CHALLENGE MARCOS. WH ANNOUNCED MONDALE WILL SEE SOME PEOPLE OPPOSED TO MARTIAL LAW IN SPECIAL MTG AT HIS HOTEL. IN ADDITION TO TALKS W/MARCOS, VP ALSO EXPECTED MEET CARDINAL JAIME SIN, ARCHBISHOP MANILA (REUTER MANILA).

ROMULO SAID IN INTERVIEW MONDAY THAT ASIA LOOKING FOR CONCRETE STEPS FROM US TO BACK UP ITS EXPRESSED COMMITMENT TO REGION. BICKLER CONTENDS MONDALE'S VISIT PROVIDES OPPORTUNITY TO OPEN NEW CHAPTER IN BILAT RELS W/PHILS. SAYS MUTUAL CRITICISM OF PAST FEW MONTHS EXPECTED BE TEMPERED BY SIGNING WEDS OF SEVERAL ASSISTANCE AGREEMENTS (REUTER MANILA 5/1).

AP (SUN, MANILA) ANTICIPATES COOL RECEPTION FOR MONDALE IN VIEW OF ADMIN'S CRITICISM HUMAN RTS/PROBLEMS W/BASES NEGOTS. QUOTES FONSEC THAT IMPROVEMENT OF CLIMATE OF US/PHILS RELS "BOUND TO FOLLOW" IF US "SHOWS SAME KIND OF UNDERSTANDING OF THE NATIONALISTIC ASPIRATIONS" OF FILIPINOS AS IT DID IN CASE OF PANAMA.

RC PRIESTS/NUNS NUMBERING 500 HELD "DAY OF FASTING/PRAYER" AT MANILA CATHEDRAL TO PROTEST RESULTS 4/7 ELECTIONS/ VIOLATIONS HUMAN RTS SINCE MARTIAL LAW ENFORCED (AP
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MANILA, WSTAR 5/1).

10. MONDALE TRIP/THAILAND

IN INTERVIEW W/"BANGKOK POST," HEAD THAI ANTI-NARC CMTE SAYS RTG PLANS ASK US FOR INCREASE FINANCIAL/TECH ASSISTANCE TO ANTI-NARC PROGRAM WHEN MONDALE ARRIVES (REUTER BANGKOK 5/1).

11. THAILAND

ACCORDING CSM'S STEELE (BANGKOK), RTG MAKING DRAMATIC PROGRSSS IN REDUCING POPULATION EXPLOSION. FROM ONE OF HIGHEST GROWTH RATES (3.2 PCT IN '72), HAS REDUCED EXPANSION TO 2.5 PCT/REACHING FOR 2.1 PCT BY '81. NOTES

FAMILY PLANNING IS INSTITUTION IN THAILAND/CONTRACEPTION HAS 40 PCT ACCEPTABILITY RATING, LIMITED ONLY BY GOVT'S FINANCIAL ABILITY OPEN MORE CLINICS. IN 1ST FAMILY PLANNING PKG OF ITS KIND, URBAN/COUNTRY HEALTH CENTERS WILL BE EXPANDED FROM 6 TO 7,000 BY '80 W/ASSISTANCE FROM WORLD BANK/USAID/IDA/CANADA/AUSTRALIA/NORWAY.

12. THAILAND/CAMBODIA

YUGOSLAV FONMIN LEFT BANGKOK TUES FOR PP/REPORTEDLY CARRYING MESSAGE CONVEYING THAILAND'S CONCERN ABOUT REPEATED INCIDENTS ON BORDER (REUTER BANGKOK).

13. INDOCHINA REFUGEES

NYT'S KAMM (KHLONG YAI) REPORTS RTG HAS BEGUN ADMITTING CAMBODIANS WHO HAVE LONG BEEN EFFECTIVELY RESETTLED IN THAILAND INTO REFUGEE CAMP NEAR KHLONG YAI W/O CONSULTING UNHCR. IF COMPLETED, SAYS PROGRAM WOULD SWELL NUMBER IN CAMP AWAITING ASYLUM FROM 15,000 TO 23,000.

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QUOTES AMEMB REFUGEE COORDINATOR BARNES THAT HE HAD MADE MAJOR EFFORT REDUCE NUMBER REFUGEES IN THIS CAMP/WOULD NOT GIVE HIGH PRIORITY FOR US ADMISSION TO THOSE WHO APPEARED ALREADY EFFECTIVELY RESETTLED IN THAILAND. QUOTES HEAD OF CAMP THAT CAMBODIANS HAD ALL BEEN REGISTERED BY AUTHORITIES WHEN THEY ARRIVED IN THAILAND, BUT WERE ALLOWED LIVE/FISH OUTSIDE CAMP.

REPORT IN AMA JOURNAL WARNS US PHYSICIANS BE AWARE OF EXOTIC INFECTIOUS DISEASES THAT MAY BE CARRIED BY SEASIA REFUGEES. NOTES PLAGUE/LEPROSY/TUBERCULOSIS ALREADY FOUND IMPORTED TO US, MANY DISEASES MAY LIE DORMANT IN BODY FOR YRS BEFORE FLARING UP (REUTER 5/1).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

14. MONDALE TRIP

CSM'S MORITZ (HK) SAYS VP'S ASIAN TOUR HAS MAJOR TASK OF COUNTERACTING WIDESPREAD CONCERN THRUOUT REGION THAT US IS SLOWLY CUTTING BACK ITS POL/MIL/ECON COMMITMENTS IN ASIA. SAYS OVERSHADOWING ALL OTHER ISSUES WILL BE CONCERN ABOUT US TROOP W/DRAWAL FROM SK AND US COMMITMENT TO HUMAN RTS. NOTES VP'S TOUGHEST TASK WILL BE IN PHILS CONCERNING US DESIRE FOR BASES NEGOTS/IMPROVED HUMAN RTS CONDITIONS. SAYS IF US SHOULD PULL OUT OF PHILS WHILE CONTINUING TROOP W/DRAWAL FROM SK, "PSYCHOLOGICAL-POLITICAL" IMPLICATIONS IN ASIA COULD BE PROFOUND.

AP'S GRAY (BANGKOK, WSTAR 5/1) SAYS SURVEY COUNTRIES MONDALE PLANS VISIT SHOWS THAT IN SPEECHES/PRIV DISCUSSIONS/EDITS, SEASIANS SPECULATE ON WHETHER CARTER ADMIN ABLE FORMULATE "CREATIVE" SEASIAN POLICY. SAYS COUNTRIES UNCLASSIFIED

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WANT KNOW WHAT US WOULD DO IN CASE COMMUNIST AGGRESSION, IF PROPOSED TROOP W/DRAWAL FROM SK IS SIGNAL OF EVENTUAL AMERICAN RETREAT FROM ASIA. NOTES LEE KUAN YEW, "PERHAPS MOST PRO-AMERICAN LEADER" IN REGION, HAS STRESSED NEED FOR STRONG US MIL PRESENCE IN ASIA/CRITICIZED US PLANS W/DRAW FROM SK. SAYS HE/ASIAN PARTNERS HAVE ARGUED THAT REAL POWER VACUUM MIGHT WELL BE FILLED BY USSR/RPC/RECONSTRUCTED VN.

15. CAMBODIA

JACK ANDERSON (WP) CLAIMS HE HAS COMPILED STORY "EQUALLY STAGGERING" TO THAT OF NAZI HOLOCAUST OF HORRORS GOING ON IN CAMBODIA TODAY. SAYS CAMBODIANS, TRYING ERADICATE "NOT A RACE BUT A CULTURE," ARE ENGAGED IN DELIBERATE, DISCIPLINED CAMPAIGN TO REMAKE SOCIETY FROM GROUND UP. CITES TESTIMONY FORMER COMMUNIST WHO PARTICIPATED IN KILLINGS/TOLD US INTELLIGENCE SOURCES CAMBODIANS NEVER USED KHMER WORDS FOR "KILL"/"ASSASSINATE"/"EXECUTE" BUT RATHER THOSE FOR "SWEEP"/"DISCARD"/"SWEEP CLEAN" IN EFFORT ERADICATE SOCIETY OF ALL ELEMENTS NOT OF LOWER SOCIAL CLASS. ANDERSON SAYS W/EYE-WITNESS ACCOUNTS,

EVIDENCE OF GENOCIDE IS "OVERWHELMING."

16. JAPAN

SUN EDIT REVIEWS US-JAPAN TRADE PROBLEMS/FINDS JAPAN HAS MOST TO LOSE SHOULD PROTECTIONIST TREND EMERGE IN WORLD TRADE. STATES MAKING JAPANESE MRKT OPEN/RECEPTIVE TO FON COMPETITION REQUIRES CHANGE IN ANCIENT FOLKWAYS, AND WHILE POL PROBLEMS IN SUCH CHANGE IMMENSE, ALTERNATIVE COULD BE BREAKDOWN OF TRADING SYSTEM "THAT HAS SO IMMENSELY BENEFITED JAPAN."

CSM'S THARP (TOKYO) SAYS PRES CARTER REPORTEDLY ANXIOUS ASK FUKUDA'S VIEWS ON TAIWAN/TIES W/PEKING. SPECULATES UNCLASSIFIED

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PM WILL PROBABLY TELL CARTER ANY "SCRAPPING" OF TIES W/ROC THAT INCLUDES CANCELLATION MUTUAL DEFENSE TREATY IS UNDESIRABLE TO LDP. THARP ALSO FINDS FUKUDA NEEDS IMPRESS JAPANESE VOTERS BY GOOD PERFORMANCE W/CARTER, IN BONN ECON SUMMIT. BELIEVES FUKUDA TRYING "BUY TIME FOR HIMSELF AS WELL AS FOR JAPAN."

CITING PRES' DECISION SLOW US TROOP W/DRAWAL, DETROIT NEWS EDIT (4/25) OPINES, "IT WOULD BE BETTER IF THERE WERE NO WITHDRAWAL AT ALL." BELIEVES CARTER MADE MISTAKE IN ANNOUNCING UNILATERAL W/DRAWAL, SAYING HE SHOULD HAVE MADE MOVE CONTINGENT ON PERMANENT SETTLEMENT BETWN NK/SK--OR AT LEAST WON SOME CONCESSIONS FROM NK.

CHITRIB (4/25) EDIT BELIEVES CARTER "100 PERCENT WRONG" IN W/DRAWAL DECISION. FINDS LIKELIHOOD CONGRESSIONAL PASSAGE ARMS TRANSFER PROPOSAL NOT VERY PROMISING, ESPECIALLY W/CONGRESS "JUMPIER THAN A PREGNANT KANGAROO" OVER TONGSUN PARK AFFAIR. URGES CARTER RE-THINK PULLOUT/ HOPEFULLY SEE THAT AS CANDIDATE HE WAS "IRRESPONSIBLY NAIVE" IN ASSERTING US PRESENCE COULD BE SAFELY W/DRAWN.

18. AUSTRALIA

SHAW (SUN CANBERRA 4/29) CITES AUSTRALIAN INTELL ORG'S DIFFICULTIES OVER CHARGES OF INVASION ON PRIVACY IN ITS ACTIONS. FINDS FIERY DEBATE OVER NATL SECURITY REQUIREMENTS VS COMMITMENT TO CIVIL LIBERTIES. NOTES PUBLIC OPINION ON MATTER HAS SWUNG BOTH TOWARDS TIGHTER/ LESS CONTROL ON AGENCY, W/CONTROVERSY FAR FROM FINISHED.

19. CHINA

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IN THIRD OF 7 INSTALLMENTS FROM HIS MEMOIRS BEING PUBLISHED THIS WK, NIXON SAYS THAT DURING HIS '72 CHINA TRIP MAO TOLD HIM HE WAS HAPPY WHEN RIGHTISTS CAME TO POWER IN WEST. SAID HE MADE POINT OF SHAKING MAO'S HAND, BECAUSE HE KNEW CHRMN HAD BEEN INSULTED WHEN DULLES REFUSED DO SO AT '54 GENEVA CONF. NIXON SAID MAO HAD GOOD SENSE OF HUMOR/ANIMATED PERSONALITY, BUT THAT HE BECAME BETTER ACQUAINTED W/CHOU, FINDING HIM BRILLIANT/DYNAMIC (REUTER; NYT).

WP'S LESCAZE FINDS NIXON ACCOUNT OF TALKS W/CHINESE LEADERS ADDS NOTHING OF SIGNIFICANCE TO PUBLIC RECORD. SAYS EXCERPT IS WRITTEN AS THOUGH WORDS "WERE BEING FORCED FROM NIXON" IN "GAME WHICH HE WOULD WIN ONLY BY REVEALING A MINIMUM OF INFORMATION. IT IS ALMOST AS THOUGH HE LEARNED OF THE MEETINGS IN CHINA SECONDHAND."

RE HOUSE BANKING CMTE APPROVAL MONDAY OF PROVISION PERMITTING EX-IM BANK EXTEND CREDIT OR LOANS TO PRC W/O PRESIDENTIAL RULING SUCH ACTION WOULD BE IN NATL INTEREST, REP AUCCOIN (D-ORE) ARGUED THAT PEKING WOULD

MERELY INCREASE TRADING W/JAPAN/EEC IF DENIED ABILITY DEAL W/US (REUTER 5/1).

COMMENTING ON REVELATION CHINA HAS PLACED W/France ITS FIRST ORDER FOR SOPHISTICATED WESTERN WEAPONS, WSJ'S FRANK CHING OBSERVES "HOT" MISSILE, ONE PEKING KNOWN INTERESTED IN ACQUIRING, IS FAR SUPERIOR TO ANYTHING IN CHINESE ARSENAL. FEELS IT IS LIKELY BE FIRST IN SERIES OF PEKING'S MOVES TO ACQUIRE WEST EUROPEAN ARMS.

LAT'S LINDA MATHEWS (4/28) RECOUNTS EXPERIENCES OF GROUP OF US ENTERTAINERS TOURING PRC WHO FOUND STUDENTS WILLING LAUGH OPENLY EVEN AT SOME OF SACRED COWS OF CHINESE POLITICS. FINDS ALL AGREE CHINA FAR FROM BEING MOST UNCLASSIFIED

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HUMORLESS COUNTRY ON EARTH AS SOMETIMES ALLEGED. VANCE

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